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(iii) Civil Supplies.

562. The Department of Civil Supplies continued to administer the following Control Orders during the year :—

1. The Cotton Textiles (Control) Order, 1948.
2. The Cotton Textiles (Control of Movement) Order, 1948.
3. The Cotton Textiles (Export Control) Order, 1948.
4. The Mysore Cotton Yarn (Control of Distribution) Order, 1948, and
5. The Mysore Cement Rationing and Licensing Order, 1955.

563. During October 1955, a general permit was issued under Cotton Textiles (Control of Movement) Order, 1948, removing all restrictions on the movement of cloth and yarn outside the State. With effect from 1st January 1956, the Mysore Cotton Cloth Dealers' Licensing Order, 1948, was also rescinded. However, licensing of yarn dealers continued during the year.

564. Since the removal of Price and Distribution Control during July 1953 and the removal of movement restrictions and the licensing system, the prices on all varieties of cloth and yarn were rapidly increasing. That increase was partly due to the increase in the prices of raw cotton and also the levy of additional excise duty by the Government of India.

Cement.

565. The cement stock position showed a continuous deterioration since about December 1955 and it became necessary to restrict the free sale quota at Bangalore to 25 per cent of the receipts as against 75 per cent previously. This was done with effect from 10th February 1956 and it also achieved uniformity of procedure throughout the State. The unprecedented increase in demand was mainly due to the growing house building activities including Low Income Group Housing Schemes and Development and Community Project Works under the Second Five-Year Plan.

566. As against the allotment of 1,26,100 tons of cement during 1954-55, the Government of India increased the allotment to 1,41,300 tons during 1955-56.

567. Control on raw cotton continued to be in force and the licensing of dealers and certain categories of ginning and pressing factories was continued.

Cotton.

568. The Mysore Drugs (Control) Act, 1950, remained in force and the provisions of the Act have been extended to the Bellary District.

Drugs.

569. The receipts and expenditure of the Department were Rs. 1,14,118 (Rs. 1,58,118) and Rs. 32,230 (Rs. 81,889), respectively. The decrease in receipts was due to the abolition of cloth licensing system from 1st January 1956.

Receipts and Expenditure.